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SUBJECT: SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN MADAGASCAR

1. DURING MY INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR
ALEXEIEV, WHO IS ALSO DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, HE INFORMED
ME OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE SOVIET VICE-MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION IS
ARRIVING IN TANANARIVE MARCH 5 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AEROFLOT FLIGHTS TO TANANARIVE;

(B) A SOVIET AN-26 AIRCRAFT IS ALSO ARRIVING IN TANANARIVE
ON MARCH 5 FOR DEMONSTRATION FLIGHTS. THIS ACTIVITY IS UNDER
THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMERCIAL SALES DIVISION OF AEROFLOT,
WITH A VIEW TOWARD POSSIBLE SALES OF AIRCRAFT TO THE MALAGASY
GOVT. AMBASSADOR ALEXEIEV DESCRIBED THE AN-26 AS A TWIN-
ENGINE, TURBO PROP FREIGHT CARRIER WHICH CAN LAND ON SHORT
AIRSTRIPS AND TRANSPORT VEHICLES SUCH AS JEEPS.

2. TANANARIVE PRESS HAS ALSO BEEN GIVING LOW-KEY
ATTENTION TO ACTIVITIES IN MADAGASCAR OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS
WHO ARRIVED ON FEB 26 AND ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY
OF BUILDING A CEMENT PLANT IN MAJUNGA PROVINCE. THE
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NEWSPAPER REPORTS SPECIFY THAT THIS VISIT IS PURELY
EXPLORATORY AND TECHNICAL AND THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN
DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE WHO WILL PAY FOR THIS PROJECT IF
IT MATERIALIZES.BARRETT

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